

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7014  
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PFOR, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIET DUTY ON GIFT PACKAGES

REF: STATE 187184

1. DURING MEETING WITH COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV OF MFA USA DIVISION JULY 29, POL COUNSELOR NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED OF MFA INFORMATION REGARDING SOVIET DUTIES ON GIFT PACKAGES ON JUNE 11 AND JUNE 14 AND WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING SCOPE OF DUTIES AND THEIR POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY TO COMMERCIAL AS OPPOSED TO GIFT ITEMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT THESE DUTIES AND, OF COURSE, WANTED TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION, HE STRESSED.
2. CHETVERIKOV SAID THE MFA HAD ASKED APPROPRIATE SOVIET AGENCIES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER AND SHOULD SOON BE ABLE TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. HE ADDED THAT USSR WAS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION SINCE IT SET SUCH DUTIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS AND HOPED MFA WOULD SOON HAVE A RESPONSE ON THIS MATTER. MATLOCK

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